

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-28. (canceled)

29. (new) In a plug for sucking a beverage, comprising coupling means for coupling said plug to a vessel holding a beverage to be drunk, housing means for housing therein a dissolvable solid food product, and supporting means for supporting said product in said housing; the improvement wherein the body of the plug comprises a base portion (A), a middle portion (B) and a top portion (C), said bottom portion (A) including said coupling means (1a) for coupling said plug to a vessel holding a beverage to be drunk, said top portion having a central opening bordered by a rim to allow the beverage to exit from the plug, and a said solid product disposed on said holding means and surrounded by said rim, said supporting means and rim and product being so configured that a consumer's lips can be placed on said top portion (C) and liquid drawn past said product between said product and said rim at the same time that said product projects beyond said rim and is exposed to the tongue of the consumer.

30. (new) A plug according to claim 29, wherein said product has a surface extending beyond said rim, that is part spherical.

31. (new) A plug according to claim 29, said supporting means comprising arms projecting inwardly from said housing means and carrying a central pin on which said product is mounted.

32. (new) A plug according to claim 31, wherein said housing and arms and pin are of one-piece construction.

33. (new) A plug according to claim 29, wherein there is an annular slot between said rim and said product for the passage of said beverage.

34. (new) A plug according to claim 33, wherein said slot has a width from 1.5 to 5 mm.

35. (new) A plug according to claim 29, wherein said upper part is a rounded dome.

36. (new) A plug according to claim 29, wherein said product is spherical.

37. (new) A plug according to claim 29, further comprising a removable cover enclosing at least said upper part and said product.